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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/697,739 ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: October 27, 2000 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
IMAGE PROCESSING )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months from the filing date of the application and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)3, a concise explanation of each of the following disclosed non-English language references is incorporated in the specification. Specifically, Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. Hei 9-37203 is discussed at pages 2 and 3 of the specification. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. Hei 8-36226 is discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the specification. Japanese Patent Application Laid-open

No. 11-239269 is discussed at pages 7 and 8 of the specification.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each of the listed documents is material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that each of the listed documents does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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